



**NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND  
AND  
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MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL, US ARMY  
SURGEON GENERAL, US NAVY  
SURGEON GENERAL, US AIR FORCE  
JOINT STAFF SURGEON

SUBJECT: West Nile Virus Prevention Measures

As warmer temperatures arrive this spring, the re-emergence of mosquitoes and the West Nile virus (WNV) will not be far behind. Last year 9100 cases and 222 deaths were attributed to the virus. Experts believe the disease will continue its westward trek in the upcoming season, affecting states west of the Rockies. The disease will most likely maintain its foothold in climate rich environments such as Western Nebraska and Colorado.

Enclosed are several information sources to prepare your community for the upcoming WNV season. I would encourage you to share them with your installation medical commanders so they may implement those aspects that are most appropriate for their installation. Your medical commander may want to forward this information to the installation Public Affairs office, daycares, and community centers in an effort to prevent WNV among our military population.

Sincerely

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Attachments  
General Information Sheet  
Information Sheet for Clinicians  
Sample News Article  
Prevention Campaign Briefing